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# Farmers' Market resumes

VICTORIA GRAY  
PelhamNews Staff

The Pelham Farmers' Market opened for its 10th season last Thursday night in Pelham Town Square.

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VICTORIA GRAY Staff Photo

Pauline Shriner, owner of Shriner's Creek Kettle Corn knows how to please little, Lily Ottaway at the Pelham Farmer's Market.

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## ■ MARKET

# More than 20 vendors set up shop

FROM PAGE 1

Ivor McCarthy, 97 — one of the longest-standing farmers to sell at local markets in the area — had the honour of cutting a burlap sack to signify the beginning of a new season and help celebrate the market's tenure.

"I still come to the market to visit every once in a while," he said. "I started at the Welland market in 1939 and (markets) have always been a nice place to see people."

Market program organizer Bev Yungblut said the burlap sack is cut because traditionally harvests were hauled around in burlap sacks.

"People come to the market to meet people and buy fresh fruits and vegetables, baked goods and have their supper," she said. "We want to support the local farmers and economy."

More than 20 vendors set up in the parking lot to sell locally-made and -grown products including Raymond Haymes from Churchill Natural Meats, who is new to

the market this year.

"It seems like a really good market and vendors have stayed since the beginning, and it's really important for a new business to get exposure," he said. "This is a great way because it's really well attended."

Mayor Dave Augustyn tries to come to the market as often as possible to support residents and bring home some fresh food.

"It's great that the market is open — it's a sign of spring," he said.

Many vendors were relieved that the market will not be moving to Pelham St. As Pauline Shriner, owner of Shriner's Creek Kettle Corn said, "If it ain't broke, why fix it?"

"I'm really happy it's staying here," she said. "They've done a great job working with the handshell to give people a great night and it just wouldn't be the same on the street."

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VICTORIA GRAY Staff photo

ABOVE: Oisabel Gledhill stopped to smell the flowers at the opening of the Pelham Farmers' Market opening. BELOW: Bry-Ann Farms owner Ann Durst, left, and Ivor McCarthy and his son, Ross, have the honour of cutting the burlap sack at the official opening of the Pelham Farmers' Market for the 10th season, with committee member Bev Yungblut.



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Supplied photo  
 Grade 7 student Melanie Lachnit junior kindergarten student Isaac Federico how to plant seeds.



Supplied photo  
 Grade 7 student Caroline Jarrett helps junior kindergarten student Sydney Snow clean up the school.

■ **ST. ANN:** School focuses on reading program and cleaning up Pelham

## St. Ann students hope to win Blue Spruce Award

For PelhamNews

The library at St. Ann's was the site of an important vote in April.

The students from Kindergarten to Grade 3 took part once again in the Blue Spruce Award.

Since January the students have listened to 10 nominated books and then voted on their favourite. Children across Ontario voted on the same books and the winner will be presented with the Blue Spruce Award. The goal of the Blue Spruce Program is to promote reading for enjoyment, make students aware of quality Canadian authors and

illustrators and to develop skills on evaluating a picture book.

Earth Day was a key focus at St. Ann's in April too. The students took part in cleaning up Pelham, Earth Hour and Earth Day activities. On Earth Day, with the help of the Eco-Club, students planted trees and flowers, tested their knowledge on recycling properly and wrote messages to post around the school on why Earth Day is important.

Our goal is to make every day Earth Day. The Eco-Club also assisted each class in preparing Planter Boxes. Each planter has a theme and

raffle tickets are being sold. In the meantime, each class is enjoying watching their planters grow.

Our school was well represented outside of our community in April. Our junior girls' and junior boys' basketball teams made us proud at their tournaments, as well as the badminton team. We sent our Heritage Fair winners to Brock University where they went on to win further awards. Way to Go Stallions!

Congratulations and blessings go out to our Grade 8 students who received the sacrament of Confirmation. Thank you to all those involved in preparing the students.



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 Grade 6 students Charlie French, left, and Lucas Augustyn teach junior kindergarten students how to plant flowers.



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## Waiting for a hospital

Niagara just fell a year behind in its bid to get a new, modern hospital to serve the region's southern communities of Welland, Port Colborne, Wainfleet, Niagara Falls and Port Erie.

By not including any funding for the idea, it likely pushes back at least another year the construction of a hospital the government's own hired gun recommended for the southern part of Niagara.

Included among his recommendations for restoring public confidence in Niagara Health System, the company that runs Niagara's hospitals, provincially appointed supervisor Kevin Smith said a new hospital should be built to replace the aging hospitals in Welland, Port Colborne, Niagara Falls and Port Erie.

Liberal Premier Kathleen Wynne has publicly said her government has "no immediate plan" to move forward with that recommendation.

The Liberals' first budget since Wynne replaced Dalton McGuinty as premier was consistent with that position.

New Finance Minister Charles Sousa announced Thursday \$3.5 billion over three years has been allocated to more than 50 hospital projects provincewide. Based on Thursday's budget, there's no reason to believe a south Niagara hospital is part of that equation.

The government has already spent money to build a new St. Catharines hospital and beefed up hospital funding provincewide during nearly 10 years of Liberal rule, Wynne has said.

It should make you wonder why Health Minister Deb Matthews would bring it to Smith as her Niagara fix-it man only to put one of his key recommendations on the shelf. It's understandable for Wynne to not rush.

"Immediately" into funding a south Niagara hospital so soon after cutting the ribbon on the new St. Catharines hospital.

But Smith's recommendation and the real need to provide a better facility for the rest of Niagara is not something the Liberals can ignore for long.

The Liberals are going to run an \$11.7-billion deficit, but still promise to balance the books by 2017-18. The province's economic conditions aren't going to improve so markedly in the next five years that suddenly another Niagara hospital is going to be an easy decision.

Whether she does it this year or next — or whether a Conservative or NDP premier gets to make the call — the premier of Ontario is going to need to find a way to tackle the south Niagara hospital issue at the same time as she or he is scrambling to balance the books. Niagara can't wait for Ontario to get its house in order.

### ■ COLUMN

## Demonstrating Pelham's vibrancy

**H**ave you looked ahead to the number and variety of events and activities that are scheduled for May and early June?

These events further demonstrate the vibrancy and vitality of our community.

Now in its 27th year, the Pelham Art Festival runs from May 10 to 12 and features more than 65 artists, artisans, and photographers from Ontario, Quebec and the U.S. at the Pelham Arena over the Mother's Day weekend.

As the premiere Spring art exhibition in southern Ontario, the Pelham Art Festival's large indoor show offers an opening night wine garden on Friday night, and live musical entertainment and delicious food in the "Salvador Dali" all weekend long.

Over the years, the dedicated Festival volunteers have raised more than \$350,000 in support of Pelham's Libraries and Community Arts Programs. For more information see www.



**DAVE  
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pelhamartfestival.com.

After 50 years of educating students and serving the community, E.L. Crossley Secondary School alumni and staff are organizing an anniversary reunion over the long weekend from May 17 to 19.

Following the opening ceremonies, Friday night will include a "Welcome Back Pub Night" and Memory Lane Decade Rooms to catch-up with other alumni.

Saturday events include a sports skills competition, a street dance (including Redline, Smoothies, Gormans, and 83 Allstars), and a dedication of the gymnasium in honour of Lorne Ward. The celebrations conclude on Sunday with a

Family Day and arts, drama, and music presentations. For more information, please see: [www.celebratingalumni.com](http://www.celebratingalumni.com).

The annual Fenwick Lions Carnival opens with a parade through downtown Fenwick at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, May 24, followed by rides, games and food of the Midway at Centennial Park. Saturday, May 25 and Sunday, May 26 will include automotive, tractor, and ATV displays, the Midway, the Fenwick Liveness penny raffle, and delicious Lions BBQ.

Special events include a plant auction at 2 p.m. and Fabulous Fireworks at 10 p.m. on Saturday and the Putina Walk for Dog Guides at noon on Sunday. Don't forget buying tickets on the Cow Plop Lottery.

For more information, please see: [www.fabulousfenwicklions.org](http://www.fabulousfenwicklions.org).

Already sold-out for weeks, the 5th Annual Pelham Mayor's Gala on May 25 will support the Riehl Skate Park, Niagara Centre Skating Club and the Pelham Community Fund at the James

Bond themed event at Lookout Point Country Club. The "Casino Royale" will include fun gaming, a mystery dinner theatre and a live auction.

In previous years, the Pelham community has generously supported the Mayor's Gala, helping to raise more than \$110,000.

Enjoy a summer's day filled with heritage, activities, food, music and buskers - all for free - on the closed streets from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. on June 1.

The event will also re-dedicate the newly refurbished flagpole while area residents and businesses display heritage bows and swags.

Volunteers will also sell commemorative granite bricks that the Town will incorporate into the imminent Downtown Fenwick revitalization work.

You may contact Mayor Dave Augustyn at [mayordave@pelham.ca](mailto:mayordave@pelham.ca) or read past columns at [www.pelhammayordave.blogspot.com](http://www.pelhammayordave.blogspot.com).

### ■ LETTER:

## Bottle drive to raise funds for soccer team

Dear Editor,

The Pelham U9 Girls soccer team is conducting a bottle drive this Saturday, May 11 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The proceeds raised from the bottle drive will help fund their expenses as they proudly represent the Town of Pelham in Niagara District soccer action this season.

The girls will be going door-to-door with adult supervision and they will be looking for empty beer, wine, or liquor bottles that they may return for the refunds.

Only Canadian bottles will be

accepted.

If you cannot be home at the time of the collection, please leave them on the porch.

If you have bottles and the girls did not make it around to your home, you may still donate them by making arrangements to have them picked up, by emailing Jim at [jgraphdesign@icloud.com](mailto:jgraphdesign@icloud.com).

On behalf of the U9, girls soccer team and their parents, thank you for your support of their efforts.

Jim Szeplaki

## Submit a letter to the editor

Do you have an opinion you would like to share with readers?

We would love to hear what you have to say about important issues or events. Email your letters to the editor to [sarah.ferguson@sunmedia.ca](mailto:sarah.ferguson@sunmedia.ca) or drop letters off at the Welland Tribune, 228 East Main St. in Welland.

For more information about submitting story ideas, or sports reports, call reporter Sarah Ferguson at 905-732-2411 ext. 231.

■ **COLUMN:** Library has a wealth of information

# Clothing sale raises funds for programs

FRAN GILES

Having been away for a couple of weeks, I was interested in how much the clothing sale had made for Pelham Public Library.

I was pleased to hear that the total raised was \$2472. That money will go toward operating expenses and the clothing left over was donated to charity so everybody wins.

Many thanks to everyone who volunteered their time to collect, sort, hang or fold and sell the donated clothing.

Two literary events, showcasing four writers, will take place in May that readers won't want to miss.

The first event on May 14, is *Memories of Hungary* and presents two women whose lives changed drastically as a result of the Hungarian

Uprising of 1956. Both came to Canada as children and both have written memoirs about their experiences.

The second, May 29, presents satirical novelist and Canada Reads winner Terry Fallis teamed with local student and short story writer Breton Lalama. Register at the library.

My source for the information concerning the programs

is our newsletter *Bright Browning*. Another good source for all things library is our website, which I have mentioned before but cannot recommend enough. Of particular interest to you may be the list of new books, both fiction and

non-fiction, and new DVDs. You find these by clicking on the stylized capital "P" for Pinterest, at the bottom of the right hand column.

Among the new DVDs are films such as *Ango*, *Zero Dark Thirty*, *The Hobbit* and *Madly*

*Madagascar*. The novels include mysteries such as *Sleight of Hand* by Philip Margolin and *The Golden Egg* by Donna Leon or fantasies like *River of Stars* by Guy Gavriel Kay.

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## Walking Club - Everyone is welcome! - May 14th and 16th

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Come out to Centennial Park, 999 Church Street, Fenwick, for a variety of sports including basketball, soccer, softball, ball hockey & ultimate Frisbee. \$6 per session or purchase your 10 + 2 bonus passes for \$60. Passes can also be used for Zumba classes. For more info, contact (905) 892-2607, ext. 341.

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## Summer Program Registration

Registration for the Aquatics programs and Summer Camps is now open. Details and application forms are available at www.pelham.ca

## COMMUNITY EVENTS &amp; NEWS

## Pelham Art Festival - A Mother's Day Weekend Tradition - May 10-12

Friday 7-10pm, Saturday & Sunday 11am-5pm - Pelham Arena, 1120 Haist Street, Fonthill, www.pelhamartfestival.com

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## Pelham Farmers' Market - May 2 - October 24 - Pelham Town Square - May 2 Market Bucks Winner: Betty Angie!

2013 marks the 10th year for our vibrant Farmers' Market! Come out and meet your local market vendors and purchase food that is fresh, high in quality and the next best thing to harvesting it yourself. Every Thursday from May 2 to October 24, 4:30 pm till dusk.

## E. L. Crossley Secondary School 50th Reunion - May 17, 18 &amp; 19

All past and present students are invited for a weekend celebration featuring special messages from former graduates, memorabilia displays, food vendors, a pub night, a street dance featuring alumni Crossley bands and a presentation of arts, drama and music. For more information, visit www.elcrossleyalumni.com or call (905) 892-2635.

## 5th Annual Pelham Mayor's Gala - Saturday, May 25

Mayor Dave Augustyn and community volunteers are hosting a night of intrigue and entertainment at "Casino Royale" at Lookout Point Golf & Country Club, 209 Tice Road, Fonthill. Funds raised will support the Fitch Skate Park, the Niagara Centre Skating Club and the Pelham Community Fund as part of the Niagara Community Foundation. Individual tickets are available at Pelham Town Hall and are \$135. Sponsorships are also available. For more information, contact (905) 892-2607 ext. 337.

## Fenwick's 160th Anniversary Celebration - Saturday, June 1, 10am-11pm

Enjoy a summer's day filled with heritage, activities, music and buskers - all for free. A 'heritage' focus will accompany the celebrations and all in attendance will be able to walk freely on the closed streets. Participant application and sponsorship forms are available on-line. Decorations (swags & bows) are still available for purchase on a first come, first served basis. Commemorative bricks may now be ordered to be incorporated into the downtown Fenwick beautification project. For more information, contact (905) 892-2607, ext. 347 or go to www.pelham.ca

## Pelham Summerfest 2013 - Thursday, July 18 until Sunday, July 21

It's never too early to start thinking about Pelham's summer fun festival! Check out www.pelhamsummerfest.ca for updates. Art show, vendor and sponsorship applications are now available online.

## NOTICES &amp; REMINDERS

## Join the Communities in Bloom Committee!

This Town Committee is dedicated to keeping Pelham beautiful and planning events such as Pelham's Annual Garden Tour and Community Participation Days in the Spring and Fall. To join or for more information, contact (905) 892-2607 ext. 341.

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For more information, contact (905) 892-2607, ext. 347.

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■ FIDDLEHEAD COMPETITION: Flavours, taste and presentation count

# Hitting the all right notes

DAVE JOHNSON  
PelhamNews Staff

TORONTO — Sous chef

Jonathan Viaw's fiddlehead fish cakes with dill, bacon, aise and celery, and avocado salad hit all the right notes

with judges at NorCliff Farms' sixth annual So You Think You Can Cook Fiddlehead Culinary Competition.

"It had balance, an interesting flavour profile, hit all the right notes and made the palate tingle," said chef Massimo Capra, one of the celebrity judges at the event. "His flavour killed it."

The culinary competition, held at Gossip Restaurant in Toronto, was a fundraiser for The Hospital for Sick Children. It saw Viaw, of Pure Spirits Oyster House and Grill in Toronto's Distillery District, go up against Pelham's Lookout Point Country Club executive chef Dan Leblanc of Benchmark Restaurant at Niagara College's Niagara-on-the-Lake campus.

Capra judged the event with Gossip Restaurant executive chef Rob Rainford, Therese DeGrace, George Brown College's John Higgins, and Christopher Ennew. Nick Secord, president and owner of Port Colborne-based NorCliff Farms, also judged.

Before the competition, Rainford, former host of *Licence to Grill* on Food Network Canada, said he'd be

looking for presentation, taste and texture when judging.

"I know the texture of fiddleheads and what complements them."

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Lookout Point Country Club executive chef Abbey Solomon prepares part of his fish for NorCliff Farms annual fiddlehead culinary competition last Friday night in Toronto.



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## FOOD

# Bacon a perfect complement to fiddleheads

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Bacon, Rainford said, is a perfect match for the vegetable found in the wild and which comes from an ostrich fern. But using an ingredient like bacon, competitors would have to ensure it didn't take over as the star from the fiddleheads.

Creativity in the use of the fiddleheads would draw high marks from the chef, who has been at Gossip Restaurant for the last year.

And while "we eat with our eyes," said Rainford, who didn't know any of the chefs competing, the dish had to taste really good for him to pick it as a winner.

Flavour was what Capra was

looking for in the competition, which was held at his restaurant, Sopra Upper Lounges, last year.

"Based on what I know from last year, I'd be looking for how the flavours are calibrated and how they work with each other. There has to be flavour... that's what I go for."

Capra expected the fiddleheads, which are quite versatile, to be used for more than just a garnish on the plate.

"They can be turned into

something very special."

During last year's competition, his chefs created a dessert with fiddleheads.

"It was quite good, quite fantastic. I wish we would have entered, we could have won," he said with a laugh.

Like Rainford, Capra has worked with fiddleheads and said the kitchens at his restaurants are packed with them and used "in everything."

Once the competition was

underway, Solomon, fresh off a championship win at Iron Chef Niagara, was up first and served a bass roulade stuffed with fiddleheads and quinoa on top of bacon-sautéed fiddleheads with a fiddlehead and spinach cream sauce.

Before the dish was served, Solomon prepared the six judge's plates and went out to their table to tell them, and the close to 100 guests, what they were about to eat.

Each chef stepped out of the kitchen to explain their fiddlehead dish and all helped each other out when it came to plating the food.

Up next was Leblanc — last year's winner — who served a fiddlehead and veal Wellington with minted fiddlehead and pea puree, and a mushroom and fiddlehead sauce.

He was followed by Viau and his fiddlehead fish cakes.

Capra said it was a tough

decision because all three dishes were well composed, but in the end Viau's dish edged out the others.

Second said the winning dish was his first choice in the competition.

"I liked the presentation and taste, and the way the fiddleheads were used," he said.

All of the winning recipes will make their on to NorCliff's website in the near future: [www.norcliff.com](http://www.norcliff.com).

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## Reserve books from home

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■ **E.L. CROSSLEY:** Reunion to feature pub night, dance and local bands

## Pre-registration for 50th reunion will end soon

For PelhamNews

The E.L. Crossley 50th Reunion is fast approaching and pre-registration ends soon.

The reunion will be held Friday, May 17, Saturday, May 18 and Sunday, May 19.

Guests who wish to pre-register can do so until Sunday, May 12. Registering early is the best way for guests to avoid long lines when they arrive to the school.

For alumni attending, a reminder that the pub night and street dance are licensed events, which require a ticket

to get in.

To help plan transportation, the Crossley 50th anniversary committee is using extra parking locations near the school and are offering a shuttle service. There is very limited parking at the school. Please check the website for information before you head to the school.

Several alumni sports games will be held on May 18. For information on how to participate, consult the website.

And finally, as in any event being put on by a volunteer committee, many hands make light

work, so if you have a few hours to spare, to help out with decade rooms, at the registration table, etc., please call Janet Cripps at the school, 905-892-2635.

We can't wait to celebrate with our musical guests, every band has Crossley alumni ties, starting with the Permontes Friday night, and continuing Saturday night under the big tent, with the musical stylings of Redline. The Smoothies, The Gormans, and the 83 Alstars.

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■ **EDUCATION:** Declining enrolment at south Niagara's French public high school

# Teaching jobs to be lost at Confederation

VICTORIA GRAY  
PelhamNews Staff

WELLAND — Confederation Secondary School will lose teachers next year.

Enrolment at south Niagara's only French public high school has steadily declined for a few years and Conseil scolaire Viamonde needs to cut jobs in the area.

Superintendent of education Jennifer Lamarche Schmalz wouldn't comment on how many teach-



**Some years we have large classes graduating and smaller classes coming in."**

Jennifer Lamarche  
superintendent of education

ers are getting the axe.

If enrolment goes up next year, some teachers may

keep their jobs. Lamarche Schmalz said enrolment ebbs and flows in a community with a large catchment area.

"Some years we have large classes graduating and smaller classes coming in," she said.

Nicole Beauchamp, a representative for the Association des enseignantes et des enseignants franco-ontariens — the teachers' union — was unable to comment about the layoffs.

Lamarche Schmalz

said for the board that spans from Niagara to Penetanguishene and from Windsor to Oshawa, Niagara is one of a few pockets that is experiencing enrolment decline, but the board overall is growing.

"The board has almost doubled in size (since it was established)," she said.

She said there are more than 40 schools in the board and that gives teachers the option to move around in a larger area. Another bonus for teachers



**Even though the area is declining the board can permit them job security."**

Nicole Beauchamp,  
board official

who lose jobs in Welland is that whereas they move their seniority follows.

"Even though the area is declining the board can permit them the job security," she said. "Difficult times fall in certain areas in different times."

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## Bagging up the grub



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Students at St. Alexander Catholic Elementary School raised about 1,000 cans of non-perishable food items for Pelham Cares. Grade 4 student Taylor Smythe, right, challenged students to bring in canned goods for VIP seating to watch a sports game at the school. John Boon, left, runs sports programming at St. Alexander.

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■ PELHAM CARES: Program serves 93 clients

# Volunteer drivers are needed

SARAH FERGUSON  
PelhamNews Staff

Marilyn Check has been a volunteer driver for Pelham Cares for 17 years. After retiring from Welland hospital, the nurse began looking for ways to give back to her community. It was Pelham Cares that gave her a way to help others.

Check began offering her time to drive seniors, and sometimes younger individuals, to and from medical appointments. She drives anywhere in Niagara, or just a few minutes away from her home.

"It's always interesting when you drive someone to their appointments. You learn about the type of life

they had, where they live and you learn about their kids."

Along with hearing life stories, Check says she has had her share of "funny incidents" while volunteering.

"There was one lady who used a walker, and so I dropped her off at the front door and assisted her inside. But I left my keys inside with the car running and some-

how the doors were locked." Check says with a little chuckle.

"I think what might of happened was the lady had accidentally hit the lock button when she rested her arm on the arm rest."

Check drives two to three seniors — sometimes more — to medical appointments each month.

But how many people the Fonthill resident drives really depends on when Check receives a phone call from Pelham Cares and if she is able to.

Being a driver isn't a big commitment to make, but it's one that makes a big difference.

"If people aren't able to volunteer each time they are

asked, it's OK. People don't need to be afraid, they can say no. It happens all the time."

Check says volunteers can give as much time as they are able to.

"Depending on the day, sometimes it's really only an hour of your time."

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SARAH FERGUSON Staff Photo  
Volunteer Marilyn Check drives seniors to medical appointments as part of a program run by Pelham Cares. The organization is in great need of other volunteers like Check.

## ■ DRIVE

# Volunteering can make a big difference

FROM PAGE 12

The impact that Check and other volunteers have simply by volunteering an hour or two can make a difference.

"It's extremely important (to volunteer) because Fonthill doesn't have any public transportation."

If seniors don't have any friends, or family that drive, getting to appointments can be difficult, Check says.

"Often times, if seniors do have family that are able to drive, they are working and unable to take the time (to assist their elderly family members)."

Pelham Cares has 24 drivers registered to take 93 clients to medical appointments, so the need for more volunteer drivers is great, says client services co-

ordinator Betty Brown.

"At any given time, we have two to five drivers who are either away, sick and not able to drive which puts more stress on our remaining drivers."

Brown says volunteers can give as much time as they like and can let Pelham Cares know what days they are available. Volunteers are needed to drive clients to appointments in Niagara and outside the region to places such as Hamilton.

"It's a great volunteer opportunity for folks who want to help others in our community, a great way to meet people and it's very rewarding."

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## ■ TEAM ENERCOMPLETE BY SEPTEMBER

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ALLAN BENNER  
InPort News Staff

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Currently, the dozen Team ENERGI participants are working on a project that will become a new hub for all NPH pro-

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# In The NEWS

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Mayor Dave Augustine, Sandra White, Marlene Denommee & Cruz

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## Fundraising basket



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A draw for a basket of items donated by Pelham Farmers Market vendors was held on May 2 with the proceeds going to Pelham Cares. Pictured from left to right, Sandra Warden was the winner of the basket with Pelham Cares president Jane Gilmour.

## Lion recognized



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At a recent Fonthill Lions Club Agriculture Night, Lion Jake Dilts (right) was presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award by District Governor Lion Allan Snider. The award is the highest award a Lion or individual may receive from Lions International.



■ **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK:** 'You need to plan for your pets, too.'

# Survival kits, seniors put in spotlight

PelhamNews Staff

WELLAND — Diane Kramer, and her husband Gary, take emergency preparedness seriously.

The Welland couple have a location on their property as a meeting point in case of a fire in their home.

"It's the tree in front of the house," Diane Kramer says.

Kramer says her husband is a former boy scout and follows the organization's motto: be prepared.

They have an emergency survival kit ready to go with essentials like food and water. And after reading some emergency preparedness materials and meeting with Welland fire Chief Denys Prevost at Welland Community Wellness Complex, Kramer says she'll have some more items for her 52-year-old husband to add to their kit.

The two met in advance of Emergency Preparedness Week, which runs now to May 13 across Canada, and puts the spotlight on seniors in Ontario.

Kramer, 65, says the wellness complex will be the location she and her husband use as a meeting point in case of an emergency that requires them to leave their home. Her family will be told that's where they can be found.

"It's very easy for us to get here. If we have to leave Welland, we have friends in Grimsby and Hamilton we can stay with."

Prevost says the Kramers are more prepared than many people, but said there's more they could do.

"There are extra issues with seniors," he says. "Some are shut-ins who depend on family, friends and neighbours to take care of them."

Some seniors in wheelchairs might have issues when it comes to transportation.

"There's also the issue of medication. Seniors, or anyone for that matter, could run out of what they need."

"Photocopy your subscriptions and what you are taking and store them in an emergency kit," says Prevost.

In fact, he adds, photocopying items such as wills and other important documents including passports is also a good idea.

Seniors who depend on oxygen need to consider their options in case they must leave their home or if the power goes off for an extended period of time.

"There should be some sort of backup system or power pack."

In the event of a power outage, especially in the colder months, Prevost says, seniors need to take extra precautions when it comes to keeping warm, such as keeping extra blankets in an emergency kit.

"You need to plan for pets, too. In an evacuation you may not get a chance to go back for pets ... You should have somewhere you could take your pet ... emergency shelters won't take in animals with you."

When preparing emergency kits, the fire chief suggests using a piece of luggage that has wheels on it so it's easily moved, and make sure it's packed with everything you need.

Some things that should be included in kits include hand-cranked radios, batteries, garbage bags, gloves, food, hand

warmers, water and flashlights.

More information on being prepared can be found at [www.get-prepared.gc.ca/cnt/srscs/ep-wk/](http://www.get-prepared.gc.ca/cnt/srscs/ep-wk/)

[index-eng.aspx](http://index-eng.aspx) and [www.emergencymanagementontario.ca/english/EPWeek2013/EMO\\_EPWeek\\_2013.html](http://www.emergencymanagementontario.ca/english/EPWeek2013/EMO_EPWeek_2013.html).

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Welland fire Chief Denys Prevost talks about emergency preparedness with Diane Kramer at Welland Community Wellness Complex. This is Emergency Preparedness Week and the focus this year is on seniors.



Margaret Haynes porcelain and water colour paintings are on display on The Wall of Art outside of the Welland Public Library until the end of June.

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## ■ WALL OF ART: Pelham woman says it's a labour of love

# A love of art

VICTORIA GRAY  
 PelhamNews Staff

Margaret Haynes loves all art forms, but she found her true passion when she discovered porcelain painting.

The self-taught artist has spent three decades perfecting her craft and wants to show it off close to home.

The 83-year-old Pelham resident will have her work on display on the Wall of Art outside of Welland Public Library until the end of June.

"I have almost no formal training," she said. "It's all just been hard work and a labour of love," she said.

There are more than 10 china paintings and portraits and more than 15 water colour paintings for sale on the wall. It takes about five consecutive days of painting to complete one porcelain portrait.

"I think it's important that people see that porcelain painting is a form of art because it's not recognized," she said.

Haynes discovered her passion for artistic expression during the Second World War, but she couldn't follow it and soon forgot how painting made her feel.

"My teachers wanted me to continue

in the fine arts, but there was no support for it, so I became a welder," she said.

Haynes was evacuated from her home in London, England at the age of nine. She was put on a ship bound for America, but it was hit by a torpedo. She was re-routed to Essex and then Wales. She spent most of her childhood in an dark air raid shelter.

Art was her escape, but she couldn't pursue it. She became a welder, married and moved to Canada.

Haynes husband Arthur owned a business in Sudbury and worked from home as the company's book keeper.

"I needed to find something to fill my days," she said.

She rediscovered an old love — painting. She also discovered her medium — porcelain painting and she's thrown her heart and soul into it since.

She moved to Fonthill in 1980 and has done a few local shows, but many of her shows take place in northern Ontario and Toronto.

"I wanted to get my work out here and travel is getting more difficult the older I get," she said.

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## ■ GOVERNMENT FUNDING

# Cash for college, NDC

VICTORIA GRAY  
 Tribune Staff

WELLAND — Niagara College wants to help revitalize the local manufacturing industry through research and development, partnership and mentorship.

And the Ministry of State for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario wants to help.

Minister Gary Goodyear and St. Catharines MP Rick Dykstra were at the college Monday morning to announce more than \$1.5 million in funding through FedDev's Prosperity Initiative to support initiatives through the school and Niagara Economic Development Corp.

The college will receive almost \$1 million to establish the Niagara College Industry Innovation Centre at Niagara (1100th) to provide small regional manufacturers access to facilities, labs, equipment, technical advice and support to develop new products, improve existing ones, adopt new technology and expand into new global markets.

Niagara Economic Development Corp. will use its more than \$500,000 to support small- and medium-sized manufacturers through business mentoring, referral services and the creation of partnerships to help businesses improve productivity and marketing opportunities through the college.

■ **EDUCATION:** Ultimate Gaming Challenge attracts 400

RAY SPITERI QMI Agency Niagara

Newmarket's Taylor Ireland is one of about 400 gamers who took part in the second annual Ultimate Gaming Challenge.

## Niagara students learn through video gaming

RAY SPITERI  
QMI Agency Niagara

**NIAGARA FALLS** — Schools must embrace the evolution of video-game technology as they try and keep their young students engaged in learning.

Case in point: Last weekend's Ultimate Gaming Challenge, put on by District School Board of Niagara at Scotiabank Convention Centre.

More than 400 gamers from across North America vied for video-game supremacy during the second annual Xbox video-game tournament.

Gamers tested their mettle against each another in three popular titles — *Call of Duty: Black Ops 2*, *Halo 4* and *NHL 2013*.

Cash and prizes totaled \$30,000, while proceeds from the tournament support the development of The Walker Living Campus at Woodend and other DSN school-based initiatives.

"Play and exploration have always played an important role in the way students learn," said Dino Miele, DSNB chief information officer.

"Gaming is not a bad thing. It helps develop critical-thinking skills, creativity, communica-

tion and collaboration — things you need to succeed in the 21st century."

Miele said the tournament was broadcast live online, which reached "500,000 to one million eyes" on Saturday.

Newmarket's Taylor Ireland was one of the gamers left standing after Saturday's elimination rounds. On Sunday, he was competing in the *Call of Duty* section.

"It's fun," he said after one session, adding he can't afford to get nervous while playing. "Once the game starts, you're focused on the screen."

Westlane and Governor Simcoe secondary schools displayed their disc-throwing robots, which recently made the trip to St. Louis to compete in the FIRST Robotics World Championships.

Brock University's faculty of education presented the Gamification of Learning.

"The Gamification of Learning incorporates elements from game design into the classroom to create an experience where students are excited to learn while completing game-like tasks," said Miele.

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## ■ GOLF: Sparrow Lakes hosting Links and Drinks



SARAH FERGUSON Staff Photo  
Chris Hogendoom, right, and Mike Hrynyczuk are organizing a Links and Drinks league Monday night at Sparrow Lakes Golf Course to offer wine and beer tastings to golfers.

# League offers vintage rounds

SARAH FERGUSON  
PelhamNews Staff

This summer golfers can hit the greens while sampling some of the best wines Niagara region has to offer.

Mike Hrynyczuk, who works in the wine industry, along with his friend Chris Hogendoom will host Links and Drinks, a golf and wine league that will run every Monday night at Sparrow Lakes Golf and Country Club.

"This (the league) was formed from our passion for both golf and wine in the Niagara region and we aim to help promote both of these great industries," Hrynyczuk said.

The program will run Monday, May 27 to Monday, Aug. 26, offering golfers wine and beer tastings. Golfers can enjoy a few rounds of golf and finish the night with a sample of wine they may not have tried otherwise.

"We wanted to do something different, so we chose smaller wineries that people don't necessarily know about," he said.

As an avid golfer and a wine enthusiast, Hrynyczuk knows that many golfers come to the club to socialize so combining both industries was an obvious



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Mike Hrynyczuk

choice to make.

Nine wineries, including Fielding Estate Wines, Between the Wines and Rockway Vineyards, have signed on to sample their best wines and both Hrynyczuk and Hogendoom are looking for more wineries as well as breweries to participate.

Each Monday, a different Niagara producer will be at the golf course sampling wine or beer from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Registration is \$100 per golfer and includes a T-shirt and all wine and beer tasting all season. For more information about the league call Sparrow Lakes Golf Course at 905-788-1676 or visit [www.linksanddrinks.ca](http://www.linksanddrinks.ca).

## AROUND TOWN

TUESDAY  
MAY 14

**MEMORIES OF HUNGARY**  
Authors Eva Tihanyi and Bobbie Kalman share childhood memories of growing up in Hungary during the Hungarian Revolution of 1956. 7 p.m. \$8. Please register ahead. Books for sale and signing. Pelham Public Library.

FRIDAY  
MAY 24

**MAPLE ACRE FRIENDS**  
host the 23rd annual BBQ at Pelham Public Library Maple Acre branch. 5 to 7 p.m. Meal includes hamburgers, hot dogs and pies. Come for supper then enjoy the Fenwick Lions Club Parade at 7 p.m. Proceeds to Maple Acre branch.

## COMMUNITY YARN SWAP

The Knit Wits knitting and crocheting group at the Pelham Public Library welcomes the community to drop off their unwanted yarn and trade for yarn they can use. Leftovers will be used for library programming or donated for local charity knitting. 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Bring your project and stitch for a bit.

SATURDAY  
MAY 25

## PLANT, LAWN AND BAKE SALE

hosted by Pelham Horticultural Society from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Fonthill branch, Royal Canadian Legion, Regional Rd. 20. Rain or Shine.

MONDAY  
MAY 27

**HORTICULTURAL MEETING**  
hosted by Pelham Horticultural Society meeting at Fonthill Library. Looking for ideas for your garden? Come and hear Jeff Bokma, Vermeers' Garden Centre, and find out All About Hydrangeas. 7:30 p.m. New members and guests welcome.

TUESDAY  
MAY 28

**CAMERA PHONE PHOTOS**  
Peter Ferguson, president of the Welland Camera Club, shows how phone apps for photography can enhance your cell phone photos. 6

p.m. \$5. Please register ahead. Pelham Public Library.

## ONGOING LISTINGS

## CALLING ALL FINE ARTISTS

Second annual Art in the Park, Juried fine art show, Pelham Peace Park, Fonthill, July 18 to 21. Application forms at [www.patriciahafar.com](http://www.patriciahafar.com) and at [www.pelham-summerfest.com](http://www.pelham-summerfest.com).

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## HEARING CLINIC

Connect Hearing will be at the Fonthill Branch giving free hearing screenings and answering any questions about hearing issues. Free but please schedule your appointment ahead at 905-892-6068. June 24 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pelham Public Library.

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■ **WELLAND SPORTS WALL OF FAME:** Wayne Redshaw enjoyed 33-year 'hobby' in Tribune sports department

# The write stuff

**BERND FRANKE**  
PelhamNews Staff

**A**ll told Wayne Redshaw spent nearly 38 years working for *The Tribune*, though he only had a "job" at the newspaper a fraction of that time.

Take away the "four or five years" delivering *The Evening Tribune* to neighbours in what was then Thorold Township and you have a labour of love spanning more than three decades in the sports department.

"I never called it a job, I called it a hobby and I loved it. It was 33 wonderful years," he said of his three years as a sportswriter and 30 as sports editor.

Redshaw was 17 and still in Pelham High when he impressed the newspaper with the clarity of the game reports he submitted for a lacrosse league he literally had a hand

in building. Games were played on a field surrounded by boards in the backyard of his father's hardware store.

In addition to hammering those boards in place, the future member of the Sabres Hall of Fame and life member of the Professional Hockey Writers Association coached a team in the four-team league but never quoted himself in his reports.

"No, I never did that. It was just the results, who scored and how they scored," Redshaw said with a chuckle as he recalled the start of a sports journalism career now entering its sixth decade.

His dedication to the sports beat was evident soon after he was hired in 1962 by Jack Montgomery, the sports editor at the time. While Redshaw was encouraged to attend his high school graduation, which in those days were held in October,

he opted to spend the night at Welland Arena covering a junior A hockey game between Hamilton and the Welland Brooke B's.

"Jack said he would cover it but I wanted to go."

Save for the fact it was his first junior game for *The Tribune*, the matchup wasn't all that memorable on the ice.

"It wasn't much of a game, Hamilton just dominated. They won 10-4."

That was among the first of thousands of hockey games covered by a sportswriter whose byline would become synonymous with the Buffalo Sabres. Redshaw has covered the team since its inception in 1970, on many game nights doing triple duty by filing separate stories to the Canadian Press and the Associated Press.

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BERND FRANKE Staff Photo

Niagara sports journalist Wayne Redshaw has written books celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Niagara District Champion of Champions and the 125th anniversary of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Golf Club in a career now in its sixth decade.

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## ■ REDSHAW

# A varied career

FROM PAGE 22

He's enjoyed a bird's-eye view from press boxes around the league of more than 200 NHL playoff games, has covered the four Stanley Cup finals — 1971, 1972, 1975, 1999 — and experienced an encounter with hockey great Gordie Howe that found Redshaw on the other side of the pen.

Redshaw, who grew up following the Detroit Red Wings, mentioned Howe's sons Mark and Marty in a story printed in the program, was asked to meet privately with his hockey hero.

"He told me that was the first time his sons were mentioned in a program and he wanted me to autograph the program," he said.

"Of course, I gave back the pen and asked for his autograph."

He also covered the World

Series in 1968 and again in 1992-93, when the Toronto Blue Jays won back-to-back titles, 30 Canadian Opens as well as Grey Cup games played in Hamilton and Toronto.

Not bad for the sports editor at a small community daily not bad at all. However, Redshaw said he always considered the big leagues a bonus, never the bread-and-butter of a local sports section that on some Mondays ran as many as 16 tabloid pages.

"I may have covered the NHL, but local was my priority," said Redshaw who designed report forms that were distributed to minor sports organizations throughout the newspaper's coverage area.

"Name the sport and we probably handed them out. We ran 'em all, and they all got in."

Redshaw left the newspaper in 1995 but not the industry. **FORE!** Golfers Only was launched a year later and for the next eight years he wrote stories that his late wife Dianne proof read, compiled columns of stats and sold ads for what at the time was Canada's only weekly golf publication.

As boss of DWR Sports Publications Redshaw once again became a carrier, this time delivering as many as 20,000 magazines to golf courses and Avondale stores across the peninsula.

"Some weeks I could easily put a thousands clicks on the car."

But it was never, work to Wayne Redshaw.

"It was long hours but it was worth it. I loved what I enjoyed doing. I never called it a job."

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## ■ ELECTRICITY: Fast response time to outages

# Computer helps utility power up

ALISON LANGLEY  
QMI Agency Niagara

NIAGARA FALLS — The next time a vicious storm batters southern Ontario, Niagara Falls is prepared — even though some residents might not notice anything.

Niagara Peninsula Energy recently designed and implemented a computer program that works with smart meters to predict when the power will go out.

The software, called automatic outage response, can detect if a smart meter is recording a loss in power or intermittent power, said designer Kevin Carver, director of engineering services at NPE.

"Before you would have to

manually go through every meter and that took tons of time," he said.

"Now, when an outed alarm occurs, we can take that alarm and process it directly into our system and the system can predict what the central problem is."

If there's a problem detected, a red dot will appear on the meter's location on computer maps at the utility's control room.

When crews are called out, the program can calculate and notify which bucket truck is closest to the service call.

"Instead of having people go to the call, we can go directly to that switch that saves us hours of time," said Cliff Ballinger, meter foreman at NPE.

When crews are called out, the program can calculate and notify which bucket truck is closest to the service call.

The agency knew the program was a success after the remnants of hurricane Sandy struck Niagara in October 2012.

"We were geared up just like everyone else and we responded to eight calls before anyone even called us," Ballinger said.

"We'd roll up to a subdivision and a guy would say, 'I was just about to call you.'"

Carver's design is the first program of its kind in Ontario and utilities from across the province have visited Niagara to check out the technology.

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Dr. Andrew Taylor has chosen the Zeiss MEL 80TM Excimer laser and the VisuMax Femtosecond Laser as his preferred platform. Carl Zeiss is internationally renowned for their expertise in optics, their lenses are likely to be the ones you use at home in your cameras. Carl Zeiss Meditec utilizes advanced engineering profiles which produce superior, predictable refractive outcomes which is what you want as a refractive eye patient.

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■ **WELLAND SPORTS WALL OF FAME:** Joyce Cutts, 81, still feeling like she's 60

# Age is just a number to Super Senior

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*Niagara* under the headline  
"Granny's got game."

**WELLAND** — Granny's still got game.

It's been almost nine years since a feature on then 72-year-old Joyce Cutts appeared in *QMI Agency*

Written by one-time colleague Dan Charuk, the story gave a recap of the Welland senior's accomplishments in golf and tennis and reported her upcoming induction into University of Alberta Sports

Wall of Fame exactly 50 years after she graduated from the Edmonton school.

With a few changes, the same story could appear today and wouldn't be out of date: Cutts, now a young-at-heart 81, remains a force to be reckoned with in singles

and doubles on the tennis court as well as on the golf course where she has drained five aces since retiring from teaching.

And, just like in 2004, Cutts is again looking forward to receiving a lifetime achievement award; On

Sunday, she will be inducted into the Welland Sports Wall of Fame.

Cutts, who has just been invited to represent Canada at the International Tennis Federation Super Seniors championships taking place later this year in Austria, can't

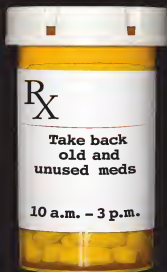
explain why age hasn't caught up with her ultra-competitive nature.

"Oh, I'm not as fast as I once was, but I still feel like I'm in my 60s. Maybe, it's genetics."

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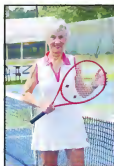
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## ■ CUTTS

# Farmwork kept young Cutts active



Joyce Cutts.

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She might have something there. The Saskatchewan-born Joyce Cutts does come from good Danish stock that was made all the more stronger by working on a family farm that needed work year-round.

"We all had jobs on the farm. We did everything you had to do. No question, we were active."

A farm girl who grew up to win an Alberta provincial championship in fastball before playing basketball and volleyball in university had to

be competitive from an early age.

"I think I'm a little competitive. When you grow up in a family of 11 kids, don't you think I would be a little competitive?" she asked with a laugh.

Cutts is being inducted in the Welland sports wall in recognition for her accomplishments in tennis since she and her late husband Robb Cutts retired to the Rose City in 1997.

The couple moved from Montreal to be closer to their two children and their families.

Granny kept busy between visits from her grandchildren.

She has won five Welland Tennis Club championships in the past seven years, five at the national and provincial levels since 2003 and last year finished first in 80 and older women's doubles and bronze in 75 and over mixed doubles when the International Super Senior finals were held in Croatia.

Cutts, who plays an average of three games per week during the Welland Tennis Club's outdoor season and works out three mornings

every week at The Y, favours finesse over force on the court.

"I'm not as fast as I used to be. I keep the ball in play. I don't want to kill it all the time."

An ultra-competitive competitor who is sometimes her own harshest critic, Cutts has also learned over time to give herself some slack. Setbacks on the tennis court or on the golf course don't frustrate her as much any more.

"I'm learning to forget my mistakes," said Cutts, who in 2002 received the Welland Sports Promotion

Committee's first masters athlete of the year award.

Cutts' Wall of Fame plaque isn't large enough to recount the eight times she was chosen to represent Canada at international tennis tournaments, let alone all of her successes in sports dating back to her days playing badminton, baseball, basketball, golf, running and volleyball.

She said if the plaque could only say one, it should be about her desire to compete.

"I'm committed to do my best."

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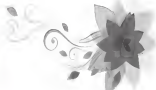
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